

PERSONAL and HOME CARE AIDES provide services to patients in their places of residence such as taking temperature and blood pressure readings and making sure medicine is taken on time. Sometimes the Personal and Home Care Aides provide extra services such as cooking, cleaning, and shopping for patients who can't do these things on their own. Work routines and work environments vary depending on the needs of the patient. There are patients who need a lot of help, while others need only a very little. Male attendants are especially in demand to help elderly men and AIDS patients.

Requirements

- ▲ Understand and follow written and verbal instructions exactly.
- ▲ Empathy to share feelings of others.
- ▲ Desire to help the elderly, sick, and disabled.
- ▲ Physical stamina.
- ▲ Ability to talk and relate to sick and disabled people.
- ▲ Fingerprint clearance may be required by employer.

Wages

- ▲ Personal and Home Care Aides
Median hourly wage: \$9.36
- ▲ Average annual wage: \$20,398

Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2006 by EDD/LMID.

Job Outlook

- ▲ Estimated number of Personal and Home Care Aides in 2004: 71,000
- ▲ Estimated number of Personal and Home Care Aides in 2014: 83,600
- ▲ Estimated annual job openings: 2,400

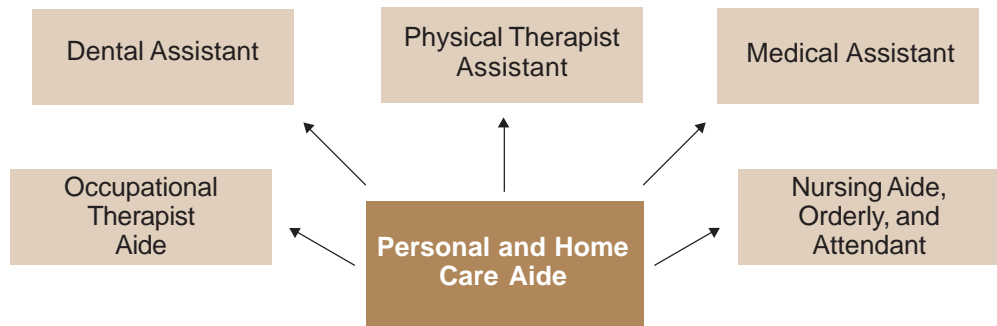
Source: Occupational Projections, EDD/LMID.

Personal and Home Care Aides

Sources of Information

- ▲ Obtain job search assistance at your nearest Job Service office:
www.edd.ca.gov/jsrep/jsctny.htm
or
One-Stop office:
www.edd.ca.gov/one-stop/pic.htm
- ▲ California Association for Health Services at Home
(916) 443-8055
www.caahsa.org
- ▲ *California Occupational Guide*, No. 461
Home Health Aides

Possible Career Paths



The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.